



# Crop Progress and Condition

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**Agricultural News:** Days suitable for fieldwork were 6.7. The weather was great this week for harvesting and planting, but soil conditions are getting dry; some livestock producers are supplementing pastures with hay, and are hauling water. Farming activities included planting wheat and cover crops; harvesting corn, apples, peanuts, soybeans and cotton.

### SOIL MOISTURE for week ending 10/30/16

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	%	%	%	%
Topsoil	12	28	58	2
Subsoil	6	23	68	3

- Represents zero.

### CROP and LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS for week ending 10/30/16

Crop/Livestock	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	%	%	%	%	%
Barley	-	5	38	43	14
Cotton	-	4	38	58	-
Hay, Alfalfa	8	2	47	40	3
Hay, Other	8	17	40	33	2
Soybeans	2	18	31	38	11
Pasture	12	19	33	33	3
Livestock	2	6	26	55	11

- Represents zero.

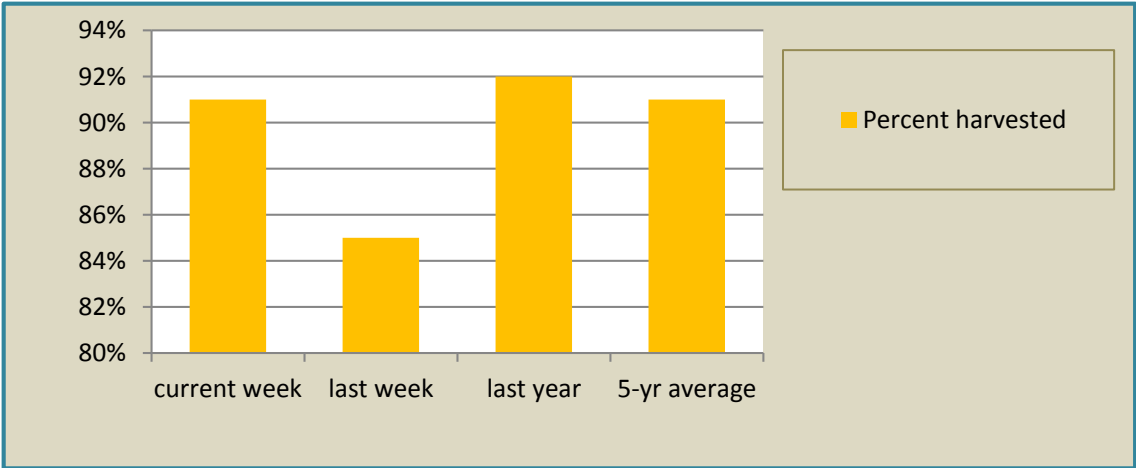
### CROP PROGRESS for week ending 10/30/16

Crop Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	%	%	%	%
Apples harvested	95	91	-	-
Barley planted	74	60	72	83
Corn for grain harvested	91	85	92	91
Cotton harvested	40	25	47	43
Peanuts harvested	72	55	69	69

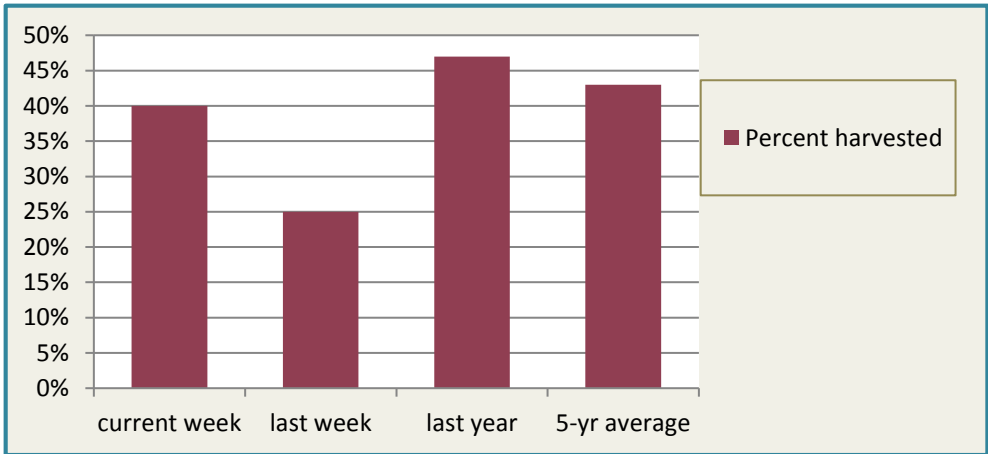
Crop Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	%	%	%	%
Soybeans dropping leaves	93	84	92	93
Soybeans harvested	36	19	43	36
Tobacco, Flue-cured harvested	96	92	-	-
Winter Wheat planted	46	35	49	47

- Represents data not available.

CORN FOR GRAIN HARVESTED for week ending 10/30/16



COTTON HARVESTED for week ending 10/30/16



Weather Summary- For the week ending October 30, 2016

City	Temperature						Growing degree days (modified base 50)		Precipitation				
	Avg. max.	Avg. min.	High max.	Low min.	Avg.	Avg. dep. from normal *	Mar. 1 to Oct. 29	Mar. 1 to Oct. 29 norm	Last Week	Since Sept. 1	Sept. 1 dep. from normal *	Jan. 1 to date	Jan. 1 dep. from normal *
Lynchburg	70	42	78	38	56	3	4281	3840	0.00	5.11	-1.89	38.82	2.20
Norfolk	69	49	76	45	59	1	4928	4309	0.01	18.90	11.61	61.27	21.75
Richmond	69	42	76	37	55	0	4582	4171	0.06	15.43	8.12	48.85	11.28
Roanoke	72	45	82	40	59	5	4516	NA	0.00	9.17	2.43	42.94	6.86
Wash/Dulles	66	39	76	30	52	0	4272	NA	0.03	3.15	-3.85	31.14	-3.84

\* Normal based on 1971-2000 data. NA-Not available. Source: NCEP/NOAA Climate Prediction Center <http://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov>. Source: USDA, NASS, Virginia Field Office.

REPORTER COMMENTS BY COUNTY – Comments are based on remarks made by extension agents, farmers, commodity specialists, and other knowledgeable individuals.

NORTHERN

ROCKINGHAM (Doug Horn)

Soil is getting dry again. Less than 1/4 inch of rain in the last 3 weeks.

**PRINCE WILLIAM (Paige Thacker)**

Frosts last week. Farmers are harvesting the last of the corn and soybeans, and will be planting barley next.

**FREDERICK (Mark Sutphin)**

Spotty frost 10-10-16 and 10-11-16 with more widespread frost 10-26-16.

**WESTERN**

**ROCKBRIDGE (Thomas Stanley)**

Light frost occurred in spots Tuesday and Wednesday morning before unseasonably warm conditions returned for the second half of the week. Warm temperatures with no rain have depleted soil moisture levels.

**CENTRAL**

**AMELIA (Laura Siegle)**

Weather was warm and mild this week, with some brief showers on Oct 27th. Many farmers have cut or are cutting soybeans this week, and some are likewise planting wheat. Some farmers are reporting that soybean yield leaves something to be desired, but the seed quality issues do not seem to be as impactful for most growers as they were in 2015.

**CAROLINE (Mike Broaddus)**

The weather has been perfect for all harvesting and planting activities.

**CHESTERFIELD/GOOCHLAND (Charlotte Maxwell)**

It's been a dry week with weather all over the place in terms of temperature.

**APPOMATTOX (Bruce Jones)**

Flue-cured and burley tobacco farmers finished harvest last week. The burley tobacco appears to be curing well. The later than usual warm weather has been a blessing to the tobacco farmers due to the lateness of the crop. Dark fired tobacco is being stripped and prepared for market. Soybean harvest continues at a rapid pace. 90 percent of the full season beans have been harvested and double crop beans are just in the process of dropping leaves.

**EASTERN**

**KING GEORGE (Mike Broaddus)**

The weather has been perfect for all harvesting and planting activities.

**GLOUCESTER/MATHEWS/MIDDLESEX (David Moore)**

Weather is good for soybean harvest and wheat/cover crop planting. Soybean yields are average to below and quality is average to below on some full season beans. Expect quality to improve as harvest continues. Wheat planting is continuing. Acres are down this year due to prices. Cover crop planting continues. Late season haymaking also continues. Most sweet potatoes and pumpkins are harvested. Fall greens remain.

**ESSEX/KING AND QUEEN/KING WILLIAM (Keith Balderson)**

Producers continued soybean harvest and wheat planting. Reported soybean yields have been quite variable.

**SOUTHWESTERN**

**WASHINGTON (Phil Blevins)**

Some producers are having to haul water for livestock.

**CARROLL (Steve Pottorff)**

Weather conditions remain warmer and drier than normal.

**SMYTH (Andy Overbay)**

Continued dry weather has livestock owners across the region supplementing pastures with hay. Continued hot and dry weather in forecast promises to only make matters worse into early November.

**TAZEWELL (John Blankenship)**

Feeder calves are starting to wean and sell. Pastures are beginning to rebound from a dry September.

**WYTHE (Mathew Miller)**

Dry, dry, dry, one of the hottest and driest falls ever. Pasture in extremely poor condition.

**SCOTT (Scott Jerrell)**

No rain to mention this past week. Soil moisture levels are critical, with little to no pasture growth. Many farmers are grazing meadows or beginning to supplement with hay and grain.

## **SOUTHERN**

### **LUNENBURG (Lindy Tucker)**

Still dry, otherwise we can't really complain. The weather has been good for harvest, but pastures and grasslands could use some water. Soybean harvest still hasn't really begun just yet, but this coming week ought to kick that off.

## **SOUTHEASTERN**

### **SOUTHAMPTON (Livvy Preisser)**

We had a good week here and farmers have been busy picking cotton and peanuts. Some cotton has suffered boll lock from the previous weather. Planting is in full swing too.

### **BRUNSWICK (Cynthia Gregg)**

This week was a nice week and quite a bit of harvest and planting of small grains progressed. We are getting to the point where we could use some rain. Soybeans are turning purple in the hull. Some crops are coming in at lower yields and quality than was hoped for this year.

### **PRINCE GEORGE (Scott Reiter)**

The topic of discussion this week is poor crop yields. Peanuts, cotton, and soybeans will record below average yields for 2016. Soybeans are variable as harvest progressed further this week. Yield estimates have ranged from 10-35 bushels per acre. Some fields have heavy damage to quality, while others have few damaged beans per sample. Wheat seeding progressed this week. Producers are expected to plant less wheat this fall due to low prices and poor yields from the 2015 crop, still a fresh memory. Some late season hay was cut and harvested this week too.